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**Subject:** Re: Denver Post: Animas River spill makes Silverton even warier of EPA

Hays and all,  
Any corrections--and for that matter--interactions with the media need to be done through the JIC.

Shaun

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2015, at 4:46 PM, Griswold, Hays <Griswold.Hays@epa.gov> wrote:

I have read this unfortunately it contains some inaccuracies and the quotes are paraphrased from a much broader explanation of the event. The article leaves out the facts that the plan was good and vetted by many qualified people. Again totally out of context and a serious lack of understanding of the situation prevented good reporting.

Would you care to impart that to Jesse at the Post. I am would like to but can not trust them at all anymore.

This bit of interview was when they were taking pictures of the creek which was muddy from our pond construction activities and I stopped to correct their perception that it was from the mine. We have been trying to get out accurate information which is what I told them and implored them to honor that, but one it seems hopeless in light of their need for brevity and sensationalism.

No more for them we will just have to correct the record over time.

Hays

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 15, 2015, at 2:00 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

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